

Regional Services Council Minutes

Meeting Date: February 18, 2008

Meeting Location: Elkhart County CAPS Office
100 West Hively
Elkhart, IN 46517

Council Members Present: Tony Sommer, Director Elkhart County DCS; Linda Cioch, Director St. Joseph County DCS; Peggy Shively, Director Kosciusko County DCS; Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County DCS; Teresa Zornig, St Joseph County DCS;

Others in Attendance: Candy Yoder, CAPS, Tony Tingerle, Lifeline, Rhonda Gipson Wills, Safy, Bonita Schrock, Oaklawn, Janet Rathberger, St. Joseph County DCS.

Meeting called to order at 10:00a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Correction: next meeting 2/18/08 9:30 a.m. changed to 10:00a.m. Minutes approved.

Region dollars awarded: \$64,399.
 (35,000) for Elkhart County SOC
 \$29,399 Remainder

Tony Sommer, Director of Elkhart County asked council for any ideas regarding use of the remainder of the money. Linda Cioch mentions Emily Robinson, who is absent from today's meeting. Council discussed fund usage and need for clarification on restrictions. Council agrees to have Michael Carroll, Director of Marshall County draft an email to Rachel, Dave and Fay requesting clarification on fund usage; council members to be copied on the email.

Community Partners Update: Reported on number of families, referral sources by type and referrals by county; St. Joe with 44 families, Elkhart with 35 families, Kosciusko with 13 families and Marshall with 8 families. As of 1/31/08, 100 families are receiving services. Face to face contact within 5 working days has been achieved with 95% of the families.

Practice Reform Update by County:

Peggy Shively for Kosciusko County reports three FCM's out of training. Facilitator training is scheduled for March and Peggy will be attending. Family Team Meetings are going well. Peggy reports on the challenge of over-hiring for turnover.

Linda Cioch for St. Joe County reports 10 Facilitator's fully trained. Have hired 8 and will be hiring 8 more. They will have approx. 66 FCM's total. Working on having the

Family Team Meetings immediately after the detention hearing and had one very positive meeting in which the children were returned home as a result of the meeting.

Michael Carroll for Marshall County reports on facilitator training; he has been trained along with one Supervisor and three FCM's. They have held 22 Team Meetings. Reports on positive feedback from one of the meeting; FCM was able to put services in the home and prevent removing the children from grandmother.

Tony Sommer for Elkhart County reports that some families are having trouble with transportation to the meeting. Reports 7 more FCM's for upcoming training. 30 more will need to be trained. Hopes the applicant pool can sustain the number of openings.

Other business: Memorandum of Agreement between Elkhart County DCS and Oaklawn is handed out for the purpose of hiring a county System Care Coordinator. Proposal discussed by council. Vote taken: 0 opposed, absent members to be emailed.

Meeting Adjourned 10:45am

Next Meeting: March 17, 2008 10:00am